

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,427,198 to Berglund in view of U.S. 6,691,205 to Zilberman. The examiner has rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,427,198 to Berglund in view of U.S. 6,691,205 to Zilberman and further in view of U.S. 5894571 to O'Connor. The Examiner has objected to Claim 3 as dependent upon a rejected base claim and has indicated that claims 4-7 are allowed.

Amended Claims

Rejected claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to add the word "the" where it makes sense to do so.

The New Claims


New claims 9 and 10 depend upon allowed claim 4 but recite additional combinations of elements than pre-existing claims 5-8. New claim 11 has the scope of former claim 3, but has been rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to reconsider the application as amended in view of the remarks submitted above

There are now 8 claims and 2 independent claims. 20 total claims and 3 independent claims were paid for at the initial filing. Accordingly, it is believed that no further fees are due in connection with this amendment. If any additional fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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